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1. Between 22 and 28 February 1951, the barracks installation in Zaschendorf near Meissen (N 52/F 09) was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with artillery insignia. Among the officers there were a few who wore tank insignia. Four light, canvas-covered guns, apparently not AA guns, were emplaced north of the barracks installation, by the unpaved road to Alt Zaschendorf. There was little vehicular traffic

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2. The barracks installation in Meissen-Bohnitzsch did not seem to be occupied to capacity. It quartered a unit, the personnel of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, about half of them with tank insignia. Little movement of troops was observed. A T-34 tank was seen in the billeting area. Motor vehicles

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3. The former kommandatura building in Coelln housed German offices and families, the kommandatura having moved to Goethestrasse in the town sector of Niederfahre, where a tank repair shop was also located. The factory area there contains an administration building and three large workshops. A Stalin tank observed there was marked A-27. Motor vehicles observed in the factory area included truck , occupied by two soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; truck , occupied by two soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying tank tracks; and passenger car , driven by an officer who wore ruby collar patches. **

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Comment. According to the present and previous reports, component units of the 9th Tank Div are believed to be stationed in Meissen, namely the 95th Tank Regt in the

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Bohnitzsch barracks installation and the unidentified AAA Regt, possibly the 216th, in the Zaschendorf barracks installation. See [REDACTED] Contrary to the opinion of source, it is quite possible that the guns emplaced at the barracks installation in Zaschendorf were AA guns.

25X1A* [REDACTED] Comment. Though reported for the first time, the movement of the Soviet kommandatura seems possible. The tank repair shop in the factory area on Goethestrasse and Hainstrasse in Meissen-Niederfahre is known from previous reports. The installation is also referred to as the Imperial Factory.

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